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SUBJ: POSSIBLE 1979 INQUIRY TN FAST REACTOR AND  
CONVENTIONAL PWR

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1. SIR JOHN HILL, CHAIRMAN OF THE UK ATOMIC ENERGY  
AUTHORITY (UK AEA), HAS SAID THAT A PUBLIC INQUIRY INTO  
THE POSSIBLE CONSTRUCTION OF A COMMERCIAL-SCALE FAST RE-  
ACTOR (CFR) COULD BEGIN LATE IN 1979. HILL SAID  
DETAILED DISCUSSIONS ARE NOW TAKING PLACE BETWEEN THE UK  
AEA, THE ELECTRICITY COUNCIL, AND THE CENTRAL ELECTRIC-  
ITY GENERATING BOARD (CEGB), ON THE DESIGN AND SITE FOR  
A 1,300 MW CFR. BOTH THE CEGB AND THE UK AEA FAVOR A  
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SINGLE INQUIRY TO COVER BOTH DESIGN AND SITE CONSIDERA-  
TIONS RATHER THAN THE MORE LIMITED INITIAL INQUIRY PRO-  
POSED BY THE UK PARLIAMENT'S SELECT COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE  
AND TECHNOLOGY (REF A).

2. HILL HAS ALSO HINTED THAT A FUTURE BRITISH ORDER FOR  
A CONVENTIONAL THERMAL REACTOR OF THE US PRESSURIZED

WATER TYPE (PWR) IS STILL POSSIBLE. REFTELS B AND C  
REPORTED BRITAIN'S CHOICE OF THE ADVANCED GAS-COOLED  
REACTOR (AGR) AND THE UNCERTAINTY OVER THE PWR'S FUTURE  
HERE. HILL SAID THE CEGB IS EXAMINING SEVERAL PWR  
DESIGNS, HAS A SITE IN MIND, AND COULD BE READY TO  
PRESENT ITS PLANS TO ORDER A PWR BEFORE A PUBLIC INQUIRY  
ALSO ABOUT THE END OF 1979. BREWSTER

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